



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: Efsthathiou et al.

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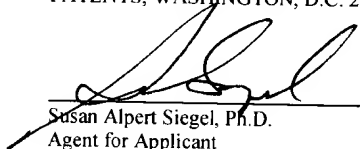
For: VIRAL PROTEIN BINDING COMPOSITIONS  
AND METHODS

Examiner: Jessica Roark, Ph.D.

Date: January 2, 2003

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**RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 17 ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and in response to the Office action, dated July 5, 2002, for which a three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before October 5, 2002. Applicants petition herein for a three-month extension of time, and submit the required fee herewith, making this response (and the RCE) due on or before January 5, 2003. Please enter the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

Claims 17-20 and 22-39 are pending. Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

**Formal Drawings**

New formal drawings, prepared by a draftsman, are submitted herewith. Applicants believe that these drawings comply 37 C.F.R. 1.84, thereby removing the objection.